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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the Signature School.

*Whereas, The Signature School, located in Evansville, has been ranked by The Best Schools (TBS) as the 7th best high school in the nation;*

*Whereas, The first step in TBS's ranking process is to determine whether each school's students perform in the top academic echelons for a given United States high school cohort;*

*Whereas, ACT scores, SAT scores, average weighted GPA, and the API (Academic Performance Index) are used as a*

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*baseline for the educational environment within a high school;*

*Whereas, The second criterion to evaluate schools is the degree to which they prepare each student to enter and excel at college;*

*Whereas, The third consideration for the ranking process consists of intangibles, such as innovative degree programs in the arts, diversity of the student body, current student satisfaction with the high school, quality and experience of the faculty, and modern lab or athletic facilities;*

*Whereas, The Signature School became Indiana's first charter high school in 2002 and was chartered through the Signature Learning Center, which became the Signature School Foundation, Inc.;*

*Whereas, The school offers its students three major academic paths: math and science, fine and performing arts, or liberal arts/humanities;*

*Whereas, In addition to its attention to academics, the Signature School also focuses on the arts and is well known for its many contributions to area musicals and shows by the Signature Singers; and*

*Whereas, The Signature School prides itself on offering challenging courses for the "self-motivated learner": Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
2           congratulates the Signature School on its ranking as the 7th best high  
3           school in the nation and wishes the school continued success in all  
4           future endeavors.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6           Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Jean Hitchcock,  
7           Executive Director/Principal of the Signature School.

